

AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCIL MEMBER CLAIR MULLER**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE HIRING OFF-DUTY POLICE OFFICERS TO DIRECT TRAFFIC FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF AIDING THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC TO AND FROM PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED ON ARTERIAL OR COLLECTOR STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF ATLANTA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has a traffic system composed of timed traffic signals with the purpose of directing and controlling traffic in an efficient and safe manner; and

WHEREAS, there are private establishments located on arterial and collector streets within the City of Atlanta that hire off-duty police officers to direct traffic coming in and out of their establishments during peak and off-peak traffic hours daily; and

WHEREAS, such select and intermittent directing of traffic conflicts with the traffic signal at the closest intersection, prohibiting the general flow of traffic and can create significant traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of such practices would improve traffic flow on arterial and collector streets and encourage establishments to design better egress and ingress for their place of business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1: That Chapter 150 entitled Traffic and Vehicles, Article VIII Miscellaneous, shall be amended so as to add the following Section 150-297 which will read as follows:

Section 150-297: The hiring of off-duty police officers for the sole purpose of directing traffic to aid the flow of traffic to and from private establishments when such establishments are located on arterial or collector streets within the City of Atlanta is prohibited. Exceptions apply only in the case of an emergency as defined by this Chapter, sporting events, or other such activity for which an off-duty police officer is required to direct traffic by condition of a permit issued by the City of Atlanta.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.